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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: PROCESS FOR FORMING TRENCHES WITH OBLIQUE
PROFILE AND ROUNDED TOP CORNERS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.143

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the October 6, 2004 restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121, the Applicants' attorney elects Species 1 (Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-15, 19-22, 24-33, 36-38, and 41-49) for prosecution with traverse.

The Examiner withdrew claims 16-18. Therefore, claims 16-18 and 50-53 are withdrawn. The Applicants' attorney requests that the Examiner confirm that claims 16-18 and 50-53 are grouped together so that if the Applicants file a divisional application to continue prosecution of claims 16-18 and 50-53, there will be no further restriction of these claims.

Following is a listing of the species identified by the Examiner and the claims that read on each species:

Species 1 (FIGS. 11-20) – claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-15, 19-22, 24-33, 36-38, and 41-49

Species 2 – claims 1-3, 7-11, 14-15, 19-22, 24-28, 30-34, 36-38, and 45-47

Species 3 – claims 1, 9-12, 14-15, 19-23, 25-26, 30-33, 35-39, and 45

Species 4 – claims 1, 9-11, 13-15, 19-22, 25-26, 30-33, 40, and 45

As discussed above, the Applicants' attorney elects Species 1 (Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-15, 19-22, 24-33, 36-38, and 41-49) for prosecution. If an independent claim reads on Species 1, then the Examiner should search and examine the independent claim and all claims that depend from the independent claim. Therefore, because all of the non-withdrawn independent claims 1, 19, and 45 read on Species 1, the Examiner should search and examine these claims and all of their dependent claims, and should thus search and examine all of the claims 1-15 and 19-49.

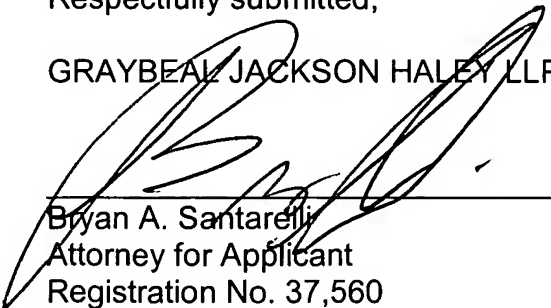
In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, payment for those fees has been enclosed in the form of a check. Should further payment be required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, Bryan Santarelli, at (425) 455-5575.

DATED this 8th day of November, 2004.

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